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GENEVA, 20-26 SEPTEMBER 1979 (TELECOM 79)

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1. SUMMARY: COUNT OF ACCEPTANCES ON BEHALF OF HEADS OF
STATE TO JOIN COMMITTEE OF HONOR CURRENTLY STANDS AT
SIXTEEN. MISSION CONSIDERS TELECOM 79 TO BE HIGHLY
IMPORTANT IN SERVING BOTH U.S. TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY
AND EXPORT PROMOTION GOALS. END SUMMARY

2. STATUS OF ACCEPTANCES:

A. FOLLOWING ITU MEMBERS HAVE ACCEPTED INCLUSION OF
HEADS OF STATE ON COMMITTEE OF HONOR: SWITZERLAND, SPAIN,
MOROCCO, SENEGAL, IVORY COAST, CYPRESS, EGYPT, CANADA
(GOVERNOR GENERAL), AUSTRIA, MEXICO, HAITI, MONACO,
URUGUAY, BURMA, NIGERIA, ETHIOPIA. (ORDER IS THAT IN
WHICH ACCEPTANCES RECEIVED.)

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B. DENMARK AND NORWAY HAVE DECLINED FOR CONSTITUTIONAL
REASONS. VATICAN CITY REPLIED THAT WHILE POPE COULD OFFER
BLESSING IT COULD NOT ACCEPT. COLOMBIA, BASED ON
APPARENT MISUNDERSTANDING THAT ATTENDANCE BY HEAD OF STATE
WAS ENVISAGED, DECLINED.

3. IMPORTANCE OF TELECOM 79: AS THIRD IN A SERIES OF

WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION EXHIBITIONS, TELECOM 79 WILL BE AN IMPORTANT WORLD TELECOMMUNICATIONS EVENT. THE FACT THAT IT WILL TAKE PLACE JUST PRIOR TO AND DURING THE FIRST THREE DAYS OF THE 1979 WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE GIVES THE EXHIBITION ADDITIONAL SIGNIFICANT DIMENSIONS. MOST DELEGATES TO THE 1979 CONFERENCE, WHICH WILL BE THE MOST IMPORTANT RADIO NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN TWENTY YEARS, CAN BE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE EXHIBITION WHICH WILL INCLUDE AMONG ITS ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES A TELECOMMUNICATION FORUM WITH HEAVY U.S. PARTICIPATION.

4. MISSION HAS BEEN ASSURED BY THE ITU STAFF THAT ABSOLUTELY NO COMMERCIAL USE WILL BE MADE OF COMMITTEE OF HONOR LISTING. NO STATIONERY IS TO BE PRINTED. COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEE OF HONOR WILL APPEAR IN A DOCUMENT TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO GUESTS OF HONOR (WHO WILL INCLUDE MANY DELEGATES TO THE 1979 CONFERENCE) ATTENDING THE EXHIBITION. IN FACT, HOWEVER, WE MUST ANTICIPATE THE ITU MIGHT USE THE LIST MAKING UP THE COMMITTEE OF HONOR AS A MEANS OF PROMOTING ATTENDANCE AT AND PARTICIPATION IN THE EXHIBITION, HOWEVER SUBTLY THEY DO THIS.

5. ON BALANCE, MISSION BELIEVES IT IS IN OUR INTEREST TO PROJECT AN IMAGE OF TOP-LEVEL INTEREST IN THE EXHIBITION AND IN ITU MATTERS GENERALLY. AS WE SEE IT, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THERE WOULD BE TWO ADVANTAGES IN PERMITTING THE PRESIDENT'S NAME TO BE USED: (1) SUCH ACTION WOULD COME ON THE EVE OF THE 1979 WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE AND WOULD FAVORABLY IMPACT ON THE MANY DELEGATES WHO WILL ATTEND THE EXHIBITION; (2) IT WOULD BENEFIT THE MANY U.S. EXPORTERS OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS GOODS AND SERVICES WHO WILL BE PARTICIPATING. THE DISADVANTAGES WOULD BE THAT (1) THE PRESIDENT'S NAME WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE USED, HOWEVER DISCREETLY, TO PROMOTE THE EXHIBITION; (2) IT COULD SET AN UNDESIRABLE PRECEDENT LEADING TO OTHER REQUESTS THAT WOULD THEN HAVE TO BE ANSWERED. VANDEN HEUVEL

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